Amendments To Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 19. (Canceled)

20.   (New) A method comprising:

receiving a transaction request from an RF transaction device, wherein said transaction request comprises a transactions counted value; and

denying said transaction request in response to said transactions counted value exceeding a maximum transactions value.

21.   (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said transaction request further comprises at least one of an RF transaction device authentication tag, an account issuer routing number, or an encrypted transaction device identifier.

22.   (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising transmitting an interrogation signal to said RF transaction device.

23.   (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

transmitting said transaction request to a transaction processing entity; and

receiving a denial message from said transaction processing entity in response to said transactions counted value exceeding said maximum transactions value.

24.   (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising disabling said RF transaction device in response to said transactions counted value exceeding said maximum transactions value.

25.   (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

presetting said transactions counted value to an initial count value;

setting an increment value for said transactions counted value; and

setting said maximum transactions value.

26.   (New) A radio frequency identification (RFID) reader comprising:

a transponder for receiving a transaction request from an RF transaction device, wherein said transaction request comprises a transactions counted value; and

a network device for denying said transaction request in response to said transactions counted value exceeding a maximum transactions value.

27.   (New) The RFID reader of claim 26, further comprising:

means for receiving at least one of a transaction device authentication tag or an encrypted transaction device identifier from said RF transaction device; and

means for decrypting said encrypted transaction device identifier to authenticate said RF transaction device.

28.   (New) A transaction processing entity comprising:

means for receiving a transaction request from an RF transaction reader, wherein said transaction request is initiated by an RF transaction device, and wherein said transaction request comprises a transactions counted value; and

means for denying said transaction request in response to said transactions counted value exceeding a maximum transactions value.

29.   (New) The transaction processing entity of claim 28, wherein said transaction request further comprises at least one of an RFID reader authentication tag, an RF transaction device authentication tag, or an encrypted transaction device identifier.

30. (New) The transaction processing entity of claim 28, further comprising means for validating said RF transaction device in accordance with said RF transaction device authentication tag.

31. (New) The transaction processing entity of claim 28, further comprising means for evaluating validity of said RFID reader in accordance with said RFID reader authentication tag.

32. (New) A method comprising:

transmitting a transaction request to an RFID reader, wherein said transaction request comprises a transactions counted value, and wherein said transaction request is denied in response to said transactions counted value exceeding a maximum transactions value; and

incrementing, at said RF transaction device, said transaction counted value.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising incrementing said transactions counted value by a predetermined value.

34. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising incrementing said transactions counted value in response to at least one of receiving an interrogation signal, transmitting data, or completing an RF transaction.

35. (New) A Radio Frequency (RF) transaction device comprising:

means for transmitting a transaction request to an RF Identification (RFID) reader, said transaction request comprising a transactions counted value, wherein said transaction request is denied in response to said transactions counted value exceeding a maximum transactions value; and

means for incrementing, at said RF transaction device, said transactions counted value.

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